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The Times' Daily Short Story.

When the Bees Swarmed

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Fourteen times the paymaster and his safe and escort passed over his route and returned smiling. When they started out for the fifteenth trip "Mexican Charlie" had his plans laid. He was a Mexican half breed, and when you have such a man look out for devilry. He was a hanger on around the stage stations for a hundred miles up and down the line. He was a gambler, a horse thief and suspected of murder, and he had the necessary qualifications to make him a leader of other bad men. He was two months making his plans, and they were laid for the complete wipe out of the entire party. He didn't propose to leave a single man alive to identify him afterward.

When the roundup was completed the outlaw gang numbered an even twenty men, and all were armed with Winchester and revolvers. The route was gone over and the spot finally settled on for the attack was midway between Fort Davis and Concho. There the rude mountain road wound upward for half a mile, to pitch suddenly into a ravine with walls fifty feet high and its length half a mile or more.

To collect nineteen outlaws together, hide them away for a week, hold them steady and cut out a part of the number with horses and arms was no slight undertaking, but the half breed successfully accomplished it, and that without arousing suspicion. On the first day of a certain July the outlaw band was posted in the ravine, and the major left Fort Davis at an hour to bring him to the spot at about noon. Whites and Indians were at peace and the country quiet, and the paymaster and his escort had not the slightest hint of the reception the outlaws had in store for them.

It may have been known to the mountain Indians that the caves and crevices in the walls of the ravine were inhabited by wild bees, but it certainly was not to the whites. They had bred and swarmed there for years. On this July day there was an angry buzzing high above the heads of the outlaws, but they gave it no attention. The rocks were warming up and the bees getting ready to swarm. Scouts had been sent forth to find other crevices and report, and thousands upon thousands of the hot headed insects were ready to swarm out and follow their leaders to new homes.

Stretched on the shelves or posted behind boulders, the outlaws were waiting for their prey. They got the signal that the escort was coming across the flat; then that it was falling up the long hill; then, after a moment's wait, that it was about to enter

the ravine. The half breed had told his men over and over to fire to kill, to wipe out every soldier at the first volley, but he told them again. There were twenty bullets for eleven men and every outlaw having a rest for his rifle and a target not twenty feet away.

Of a sudden one of the bee scouts settled down on the bare hand of one of the outlaws. He sought to flick it off, and the insect stung him and flew away. It would seem as if it flew up to the others and warned them of the trespassers and incited them to battle. Within a minute a perfect cloud of them descended. They were angry and excited and looking for a fight. The outlaws could make no defense against such an enemy. In thirty seconds they were almost literally covered and being knifed in a score of places, and just as the two troops at the head of the escort reached the head of the ravine the ambushers fed down it with shouts and yells of pain and terror.

Their horses were half a mile below. The bees followed the men to the horses and attacked the latter, and in a few seconds there was a wild stampede. Some of the animals came up the ravine, and some went down, and the shouts of the outlaws were echoed and re-echoed by the shrill neighs of the half maddened horses.

The paymaster could not tell what had taken place, except that the wild bees had come out. He was forced to order a retreat, and there was no pause until the outfit had dropped back a full mile. Then scouts were sent forward and after a time made a pretty good guess as to what was up. The bees seemed to be out in millions. The roar of their wings as they buzzed up and down was like a strong wind in the treetops, and as swarms of bees they fought among themselves until the rocky trail was covered with their bodies.

Not until near sundown did the insects seek their new homes and quiet down and allow the escort a chance to pass unscathed. At the lower end of the ravine were two dead men—outlaws who had been stung to death. Farther down were three men who were blind, helpless and raving. Rifles, belts and camp outfit had been thrown away, and not one of the desperadoes had got away on a horse. Of the horses the escort captured nine. The others had gone tearing over the mountains in mad flight. Of the fifteen men who got away nothing was heard again. All were terribly stung.

The particulars of the plot were learned from the three captured alive, and they got a dose of military law to keep them out of mischief for a long time after. Each one asserted that he would rather have fought three Indians single handed than have encountered the bees. The half breed had planned well, but he had not taken the wild bees into consideration.

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A Mild Larative

Ask your doctor to name some of the results of constipation. His long list will begin with sick-headache, biliousness, dyspepsia, thin blood, bad skin. Then ask him if he would recommend your using Ayer's Pills for constipation. Just one pill at bedtime, a few times, that's all.

We have no secret. We publish the formula of all our preparations.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Mohammed's Mare.
The mare which conveyed Mohammed from earth to the seventh heaven was named Bork. She was milk white, had the wings of an eagle and a human face with horse's cheeks. Every pace she took was equal to the farthest range of human sight. This was one of the ten animals admitted to the Mohammedan paradise.

Iron in the Body.
There are about 100 grains of iron in the average human body, and yet so important is this exceedingly small quantity that its diminution is attended with very serious results.

PILES! PILES! PILES!
Dr. Williams' Indian Pine Ointment will cure itching, bleeding, ulcerated and sticking piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pine Ointment is prepared for piles and itching. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by all druggists, by mail for 50c and \$1.00. Sold by C. H. Kendrick & Co.

Wensel and Rat.
Friendships are not uncommon between the cat and dog and have been known between a dog and a wolf, but the mutual attitude of the wensel and rat is invariably war-war that is waged to the death.

A Profitable Speculation.
One copy of Caxton's "De Confessione Amantis," or "The Confession of a Lover," was one of the most profitable speculations ever made in books. A Dublin bookseller of the eighteenth century bought a number of volumes at secondhand, as he supposed of no great value, paying for them one and sixpence, and found in the package this rare work of Caxton's, which he afterward sold for over \$1,500.

Sandals.
Sandals were more fashionable among the Egyptians than among the Hebrews. They were worn by women of the highest rank, for we read of the sandals with long turn up points which a beautiful queen habitually wore when she was at home.

INSURANCE LAW REFORMS

Suggestions by the National Convention

CONSIDERS REPORT MADE

On Uniform Legislation—The Recommendations Likely to Be Supported—Governors of Many States to Offer Plan to Legislatures.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Important reforms in the insurance law of the several States are suggested by the national convention of State insurance commissioners in session here. The principal object of the meeting is to "pass on" the report on uniform legislation prepared by a committee representing the recent Chicago conference of governors' attorneys general and insurance commerce. It appears to be certain that the convention will support the recommendations of the Chicago committee, one of which is that a bureau of insurance be created in the Department of Commerce and Labor, designed to bring about uniformity in all the states are recommended. They are:

(1)—A strict annual accounting of all surplus or dividends all such funds to be carried as a definite liability until paid.
(2)—The most thorough publicity of all the material, methods and results of management, including detailed expenses and investment record, and a plain statement of the net results in the cost of insurance.
(3)—Company management to be strictly confined to the company officers, acting solely in their capacity as officers of the company, without the use of intervention of any allied or subsidiary companies which may be used to evade official responsibility, or screened from and corruption.
(4)—The limitation of expenses by requiring the full reserve on each premium collected to be kept intact, without the use of the preliminary or subsequent plan, or any device for the shrinking of the reserve fund in order to increase the fund for management expenses.
(5)—The absolute prohibition of political contributions and the careful regulation of the investment of life insurance funds.

It is announced that the governors of more than half the States have already promised to embody the gist of these recommendations in the Legislatures which will meet in January.

SHIP CAPTAINS' STRIKE ON.

Four Steamboats Detained in Chesapeake Bay.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 3.—The first day's contest in the most unique strike on record, that of sixty odd captains and mates of Chesapeake Bay steamboats, ended Monday night in a drawn battle, the companies succeeding in sending out four vessels and the strikers detaining four steamboats in port. It is a contest between the Potomac Railroad and the Masters and Pilots' Association, the latter led by President Silva and officials from Boston, New York and Philadelphia and before it is over there threatens to be the worst tie-up of shipping that Baltimore has ever witnessed. The officers of the vessels, who are higher wages and sixty captains have resigned in a body to accomplish their purpose, affecting thirty steamers of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the passenger and truck trade.

CANADIAN PRINTERS SECEDE.

Ottawa Union Tired of Making Heavy Contributions to American Strikers.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 3.—The Ottawa Typographical Union, with four hundred members, are the second largest local in Canada, and are tired of making heavy contributions to support American printers on strike, and has decided to secede from the International, and start a purely Canadian association, to be known as the Ottawa Typographical Association. An officer said: "We decided this by a vote of 60 to 20. The move marks the tendency for purely Canadian labor organizations. For months the Ottawa printers employed at the Dominion Government Printing Bureau gave as much as ten per cent of their wages to the cause, but have at last grown tired of doing so."

Methodists Grant Eight-Hour Day.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—The Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is in session here, has approved the action of the Methodist Book Concern in granting an eight-hour day to employees. The Methodist Book Concern submitted a report, embodying its action and saying that it had never opposed the principle of an eight-hour day, but that conditions had been such here before as to make its introduction impossible. After Nov. 1 an eight-hour day will rule in all departments of the business and the Book Concern will withdraw from the United Typothetae of America.

Handling Fall and Winter Fruit.

Many people still believe that winter apples should be piled upon the ground in the orchard and allowed to sweat for a few days before being put into the cellar. This is not necessary, although it is often a convenience to the commercial grower who packs in the orchard. The piles are liable to develop heat and decay. If possible, handle but once fruit that is to be stored—that is, pick it into the boxes or barrels that will be put into the cellar. This requires that the fruit be graded when picked. This method is more practical, as a rule, for fall and winter pears than for apples.

Practice in Potato Growing.

In the potato growing districts of New Jersey the practice in growing this crop has materially changed in a few years past by a substitution of commercial fertilizers for barnyard manure, and this has resulted not only in heavier yields, but also in a lower cost of production.

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We like best to call Scott's Emulsion a food-medicine. It is a term that aptly describes the character and action of our Emulsion. More than a food, yet combining the vital principles of both. It is for this reason that Scott's Emulsion has a distinct and special value in all wasting diseases. There is nothing better to remedy the troubles of imperfect growth and delicate health in children. The action of Scott's Emulsion is just as effective in treating weakness and wasting in adults.

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HUGHES FOR STATE ISSUES.

And Upon These He Will Conduct His Campaign.

New York, Oct. 3.—Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for governor, said yesterday that his campaign will be fought solely on state issues. Mr. Hughes was late in reaching the Republican headquarters. In explanation he said: "It's all the fact that I have never been reading by mail and reading telegrams all morning, and the greater number of these have been from all sections of the state. It would not be fair from right to say that I have been from every county in the state. Democrats in every county have told me they were opposed to their candidate, and were in favor of the Saratoga candidate."

It was announced at the headquarters yesterday that Mr. Hughes will conduct his campaign without attacks of a personal nature upon the Democratic candidates. When the attention of Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, was called to the address of William R. Hearst in Brooklyn Monday night when the Democratic candidate for governor reiterated the statement that he has been in common with the Tammany leader, Mr. Murphy said: "I have never personally said anything against Mr. Hearst." He would say nothing more on the subject.

NO NEWS FROM THE TEXAS.

Navy Department Does Not Credit Report Battleship Is Disabled.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The Navy Department has no confirmation of the rumor that the battleship Texas is disabled off the Cape and believes that the vessel is now on her way to Cuba.

As soon as the Texas and Prairie arrive at Havana the big battleships Kentucky and Indiana will be refitted and ordered north to complete their target practice. They are not needed as warships in Cuba, merely serving as boarding houses for the marines and sailors.

Bordeaux in Lima Beans.

In regard to lima beans, I believe that bordeaux mixture or a very fine lime mixture with powdered bluestone will greatly increase the yield. In 1893 we planted a row of lima beans across the garden, and they did not pay at all. Last year we planted a row across the garden, and we blew on them the dust of fine lime with powdered bluestone and possibly a little sulphur, and there were plenty of beans the whole season. From experience in New York state it was found by a thorough use of bordeaux it would make the profit in some cases of \$50 to \$100 per acre, but it must be done before the spores of the disease get in. It is a preventive, not a cure.—J. S. Collins.

STOP, WOMAN!

AND CONSIDER THE ALL-IMPORTANT FACT

That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private life to a woman whose experience with women's diseases covers a great many years.

Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, and for many years under her direction, and since her decease she has been advising sick women free of charge.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probable examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or price you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is great.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely every woman rich or poor, every foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.

If you are ill, don't hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for special advice. When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health so many women, you cannot well say, without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me."

IN LOCAL MARKETS

Produce Unusually High For This Time of Year

DAIRY BUTTER SCARCE

Dressed Pork Is 8 1/4 @ 8 1/2 Cents—Spring Chickens 17 @ 18c, Eggs Higher at 27 @ 28, Potatoes Demanding 65c @ 70c.

Barre, Vt., Oct. 3, 1906.

Farmers' produce is unusually high for time of the year. Fancy dairy butter is hard to get, except in small lots. We quote wholesale prices as follows:

Dressed pork—Firm at 8 1/4 @ 8 1/2 c.
Fancy veals—8 @ 8 1/2 c.
Spring lamb—11 @ 12 c.
Yearlings—10 @ 12 c.
Native beef—Steers, 6 @ 6 1/2 c.; cows, 5 @ 6 c.
Spring chickens—17 @ 18 c.
Fowls—13 @ 14 c.
Butter—Creamery 27 @ 28 c, fancy dairy 25 @ 26 c.
Eggs—Higher, 27 @ 28 c.
Potatoes—Farmers are demanding 65 @ 70 c.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs Hold Steady at Good Prices.

Boston, Oct. 3.—Receipts of butter include a liberal proportion for export and supplies for the local market continue light. Fancy northern assorted sizes and some of the best western hold firm but have to be exceptionally fine to exceed 25¢. Under grades in full supply and moving slowly. Moderate sales of fancy storage creamery at about 25¢ for large tubs and 26¢ for assorted sizes. Fine dairy butter in a light supply. Fancy boxes and prints firm at 28¢.

Cheese receipts are rather light and fine stock is firmly held. Demand continues moderate, with best Vermont state twins selling generally at 13¢, and fine Vermont twins at 12 1/2¢. Fair to good grades steady at 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2¢. Sales at Canton and Watertown, N. Y., Saturday were at 12 1/2¢.

Receipts of eggs are liberal, but include a good many lots of refrigerator goods from western and other storage houses. Supplies of fancy fresh stock are light and firmly held, some of the best northwestern at 25¢ and average best western at 23 @ 24¢. Off grade stock working out fairly at 20 @ 22¢. Dirties steady. Storage goods in moderate demand.

Quotations follow:
Butter—Creamery, extra Vermont and New Hampshire 27¢, northern New York 26 1/2 @ 27¢, western 25 1/2 @ 27¢, northern creamery firsts 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2¢, western creamery firsts 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2¢, creamery seconds 20 @ 22¢, creamery thirds 18 @ 19¢, creamery best marks 24 @ 25¢, fair to good 22 @ 23¢, dairy extras 24¢, common to good 18 @ 23¢, western imitation creamery 19 @ 20¢, western ladle, 17 @ 19 1/2¢, packing stock 16 @ 18¢, renovated butter 19 @ 22¢, boxes and prints 17 @ 18¢.

Cheese—New York twins fancy 13¢, fair to good 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2¢, Vermont fancy 12 1/2¢, fair to good 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2¢, Wisconsin twins 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2¢.

Eggs—Fancy henery 32 @ 34¢, eastern extras 28 @ 30¢, common to good 18 @ 22¢, western best marks 24 @ 25¢, choices 20 @ 22¢, fair to good 18 @ 20¢, western dirties 12 @ 15¢.

Note.—The above quotations represent the prices obtained by receivers for wholesale lots, and are not jobbing prices.

SPLendid NEW CAFE DINING CAR.

Service on Western Trains of Boston & Maine, R. R.

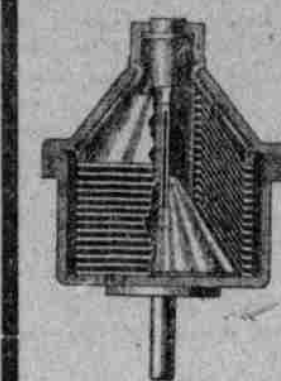
The new Cafe-Dining Cars recently installed on the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad are proving extremely popular with travelers, for they are new and from the West. These cars are handsome in design, of the latest Pullman make, and of the regulation Pullman color and decoration on the outside. Their interior is a plain, yet rich mahogany effect, with carpets, upholstering, window shades, etc., in harmonious shades of green and old gold. The dining compartment contains six tables seating 24 persons, and is equipped with movable chairs of mahogany, upholstered in green leather. The passenger department contains seating accommodation for thirty-six persons, and is equipped with men's and women's toilet rooms, lavatory, and continuous parrel rack. The kitchen and pantry, immediately adjoining the dining compartment, are entirely isolated from the rest of the car and are fitted up with the most approved type of hard-wood range, charcoal boiler, dish warmer and coffee urn, refrigerator and ice boxes. Both hot and cold water are provided. The pantry contains everything which one might desire, and near it are a commodious buffet, refrigerator for wines and mineral waters, and a linen locker. The service in the cars will be a la carte and will be operated on trains leaving Boston at 9:30 a. m. daily, and train leaving Boston at 4:30 p. m. daily, train leaving Boston 6:19 p. m. daily, except Sunday, train leaving North Adams at 4:00 p. m. due in Boston at 5:30, on train leaving Boston at 11:10 a. m. daily, and train leaving North Adams at 5:11 a. m. due in Boston 9:30 a. m. daily, on train leaving Greenfield at 12:30 p. m. due in Boston 2:45 p. m. daily, except Sunday. These are the through western trains for Troy, Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis.

A Badly Burned Girl.

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bueden's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at Red Cross Pharmacy.

The "Disc" System of CREAM SEPARATION

Judging outward appearances alone, it might be reasonably assumed that one cream separator is as good as another. However, as the outside of the machine does not do the separating, we must look deeper for the real merits of the separator. Upon the construction of the gearing depends durability and operating ease, which, of course, should be carefully examined, but the really important feature is the construction of the bowl. This is what does the work, be it good or bad. Exhaustive tests have proven that the best results can only be obtained when the separator bowl contains a series of conical shaped, perforated discs, digging the milk into strata or thin layers. Bowls which do not contain discs of this particular kind do fairly good work with warm milk and by running a thin cream, but where a heavy cream is desired, or cold or thick milk is to be separated, as frequently happens in farm use, these separators lose a big percentage of the butter fat and consequently the profits. The original "disc" system as today used exclusively in building the DE LAVAL cream separators, is just as important to the separator as the guards are to the sickle bar of a mowing machine. The DE LAVAL "disc" system assisted by the "splitting" device, both of which are patented and used only by the DE LAVAL company, has in thousands of tests proven far superior to any other style of bowl construction. Other manufacturers have tried to imitate the DE LAVAL bowl, but have never anywhere near equalled its efficiency. That is why over 98 per cent of the world's creameries today use nothing but DE LAVAL machines. Exhaustive tests have proven that the DE LAVAL bowl is the only one which will secure all the milk profits. This fact should mean much to every dairy farmer who intends buying a separator. A De Laval catalogue which explains separator bowl construction in detail is sent free on request. Write today.



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FORECAST OF FASHION. SOME GOOD STORIES.

Wide Plaited Skirt in Vogue—Suppleness a Characteristic of Fabrics.

There is more than a hint as to what the fall fashions are to be—in fact, many women have already purchased their autumn suits. The wide plaited skirt to be seen on many costumes looks like an old friend, while the short jacket with long, rounded front was a favorite a few years ago.

Both smooth and rough materials are being used, but in either case suppleness is a characteristic very much emphasized, and drier rather more some coloring is popular.

Some of the fall suits have waists that match the skirt, making a simple three



THEATER HAT.

piece affair, but what is more worn is a silk or cloth shirt waist in the dominating color of the suit.

White or colored mohair is very appropriate for a "dress up" costume to be taken to boarding school by the small student.

Skirts far are either plaited or circular, although the latter cut will not be so popular on account of its bad habit of sagging. Many of the new skirts are trimmed with circular ruffles, which give the cutaway effect so well liked this fall.

Jackets in most instances are hip length, but few of them hang loose, as the pony jacket invariably does. They have, in a number of cases, tiny vests and short ruffled basque effects.

The hat in the end is designed for theater wear. The brim is composed of granular flowers put as close together as possible. The leaves form the crown. Coral colored ribbon is arranged in loops at the back.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

GARDEN CRAFT

Asparagus beds may now be mowed and the tops promptly removed before seed is scattered to produce a new set of plants that will give trouble afterward. New beds can be made any time between September and spring. The soil should be warm, loam, well manured and well prepared.

Let the fight against weeds continue that none ripen and scatter seeds. All late corn crops that do not cover ground should be kept cultivated and hoed as late as possible.

Get frames and forcing pits in readiness for the coming season.

It is a good plan to protect some fine tomato plants during the first few frosty nights by covering them lightly with litter or hay. The tomatoes will sometimes ripen in the fine warm days that usually follow after first frosts.

If you wish to try planting onion sets in the fall use some of the extra early or early sorts and plant about Oct. 1. They are likely to winter well and give fine bunching onions early in the spring.

The Oak.

The Druids considered the oak as the emblem, or rather the peculiar residence, of the Almighty, and accordingly, in chapters of it were worn both by the Druids and people in their religious ceremonies. The fruit of it, the mistletoe, was thought to contain a divine virtue and to be the peculiar gift of heaven.



Baker's Extracts

COMPLY WITH ALL FOOD LAWS

There are on the market many concoctions labeled "Extracts" of which this cannot be said—in fact many of them do not contain a particle of the fruit whose name they bear. Knowing this difference, which do you prefer?

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